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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. LEBANON FEARS ISRAELI REPRISALS: PRIME MINISTER SULH EXPRESSED FEARS TO AMBASSADOR GODLEY THAT THE "IRRATIONAL" MOOD IN TEL AVIV, STEMMING FROM THE GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS, INCREASES THE CHANCES FOR ISRAELI RETALIATION AGAINST LEBANON FOR THE KIRYAT SHEMONA INCIDENT. HE URGED THE US TO CONVINCE THE ISRAELIS NOT TO TAKE REPRISALS. LEBANESE UN REPRESENTATIVE GHORRA TOLD AMBASSADOR SCALI IN NEW YORK THAT HE HAD LEARNED FROM THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER IN BEIRUT THAT THE ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY RESISTANCE ELEMENTS FROM WITHIN ISRAELI AND NOT BY GUERILLAS BASED IN LEBANON. (STATE)

2. SOVIET VIEWS ON THE FRENCH ELECTIONS: ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW, THE SOVIETS ARE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS VERY CLOSELY AND PRIVATELY SPEAK WELL OF MITTERAND, THOUGH THEY APPEAR TO BE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE PROSPECT OF A CHANGE IN FRENCH POLICY, HAVING GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO THE GAULLIST ERA. THE SOVIET PRESS HAS BEEN "ALMOST SILENT" ON MITTERAND, AND A SOVIET OFFICIAL

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HAS ADMITTED THAT MITTERAND'S CHANCES FOR WINNING THE

PRESIDENCY ARE NOT AS GOOD AS THOSE OF CHABAN-DELMAS.
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